

1                   **ABSTRACT**

2                 A tension mask frame assembly for a color cathode ray tube, including: a tension mask  
3                 having a plurality of strips on which slots are formed being separated a predetermined distance  
4                 from each other on a thin plate, real bridges for partitioning slots at a predetermined pitch  
5                 interval by connecting adjacent ones of a plurality of strips to each other; and a frame which  
6                 supports the corresponding edges of the tension mask, whereby the vertical pitch of the real  
7                 bridges becomes smaller, such as in a stepwise relation, in a direction from the center portion of  
the tension mask to the peripheral portion of the tension mask.